

BRIDGEPORT AS IT WAS

100-50-20 YEARS AGO

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ONE HUNDRED YEARS AGO

BUT A MERE TOOL

Louis 18th, King of France, has written the following letter to M. Le Breton, one of his ministers, which shows that he is but a mere tool in the hands of others:

M. Le Comte—I owe it to the repose of the few days I have to live, to the tranquility of the world and to the council of my allies, to remove from my government persons who are very dear to me and among whom I particularly distinguish you. Carry with you into your retreat the testimony of the satisfaction of your King, and the certainty of his being always your friend.

From my temporary residence at Ghent, this 19th day of August, 1795.

LOUIS.

A BATTLE MONUMENT

A splendid battle monument is to be erected in Baltimore to perpetuate the names and the patriotism of those citizens who fell in defense of that city, on the 26th and 27th of September last. The corner stone is to be laid on the anniversary of the battle, with much military pomp.

NEWS FROM FRANCE

(August 2, 1815.)

We have received Paris papers to Monday. We did expect to have found in them a Royal decree for disbanding the army of the Loire; but that army as well as most of the other armies of France, continue to brave the Royal authority, and to stand out for terms. Its headquarters is at Bourges, and it is untrue that Davoust, its commander, is at Paris. Two divisions of this army are at Riom, its commander is at Paris. Two divisions of this army are at Riom, its commander is at Paris. Two divisions of this army are at Riom, its commander is at Paris.

FIFTY YEARS AGO

THE CITY EXPRESS

One of the "institutions" of our city is a handy and convenient one, too, is "Swan's City Express" and we are glad to know that the business of it is steadily increasing. At every railroad and steamboat arrival may be seen the flowing beard of Mr. Swan, ready to transport to any part of the city, east, west, north or south, as quick as horseflesh can do it, trunks, packages, luggage, in fact, anything light and movable. He has been stopping places on this and the other side of the river, at which he calls three or four times daily, and all who have entrusted him with their errands, have found him prompt, active and obliging. Success to him.

(Travers Swan died in 1859, having been injured during the great blizzard on the South avenue railroad crossing. The business of which his father was one of the owners in this city is still continued by Seymour Swan, 46 John street, who possesses an oil portrait of his father done by the late Calvin Curtis of Stratford, which for many years has been in the public library.—Ed. note.)

THE NEW DEPOT

The Horse Railroad Co. broke ground yesterday for their depot building, stable, etc., in East Bridgeport. They are to be just east of Wheeler & Wilson's Sewing Machine Factory and will cover a large space of ground. The arrangements are such as to insure their completion within a few weeks.

ARTEMUS WARD IS WITH US

Artemus Ward, the happy humorist of Betsy Jane, the irresistibly "phunny" fellow, will be at Stratford, Conn., this evening, and give his "Mormon Entertainment." Do not fail to see his "pictures" and hear his stories. From his program we extract the following notice of the present of Washington Irving's, we cannot be blind to the fact that Mr. Irving's style is different from his.—Skowne-san Clanton.

"Not a dry eye in the audience. Many could have borrowed money of him on the spot."—Railway Gazette.

"No family should be without him."—Hoboken Expounder.

TWENTY YEARS AGO

FIRST HUNTING DAY RESULTS

Some local sportsmen who started out yesterday morning for the purpose of making a record, returned last night without any material, so far as relates to captured game, while others returned with a fair showing for their day's tramp.

Ex-Congressman DeForest and ex-County Commissioner Dan Rowland went to Essex to hunt for rail birds and returned with 40. It was not considered a good day's work. The wind blew too hard for rail shooting.

Leon Gray bagged six gray squirrels and two quail.

Mr. Wheeler, of the Park City Gun Club, showed four partridges and two woodcock as the result of his day's sport.

Mr. Knapp shot one partridge and two rabbits.

W. H. Longdon started out early this morning on a hunting expedition and great things are expected of him, as he is well posted to the haunts of game birds and animals.

Prices for game as quoted today are: Partridge, \$1.50; quail, 75 cents and woodcock, \$1.20 per pair. Rabbits are 50 cents and gray squirrels 80 cents per pair.

ST. PATRICK'S FAIR

The big St. Patrick's fair now running at the armory is attracting larger crowds every evening. The chief contest just now is over the diamond ring. The voting contest stands: Maggie Stapleton, 24; Maggie Kelley, 24; Annie O'Rourke, 18; Nellie Carter, 21; Minnie Belden, 54; Nora Keyes, 15.

COUNCILMAN O'ROURKE'S CROWBAR

The investigating committee of the common council on alleged violation of the Traction Co. in the construction of its road inspected the roadway and

poles on the East Side this morning. The committee consists of Street Commissioner Lashar, Alderman Thomas H. Farrell, Councilman David J. O'Rourke and City Attorney Toomey. The company was represented by President Radcliff, who was accompanied by his brother-in-law, Mr. Burns, of New Jersey, and George S. Hawley, stenographer, who is making a detailed report of the conversation, questions and answers between the investigators and the company's representatives.

Councilman O'Rourke carried a big crowbar with him. The committee did not know what the formidable implement meant until the committee came to the first pole on Stratford avenue. Here he attempted to drive the crowbar into the cement bedding and repeated the operation at all the suspicious poles on Barnum and Stratford avenues and on East Main street. On several occasions he succeeded in driving the crowbar into the bedding. All the facts were noted for a future report.

The investigation and specification stones were also inspected along the route and elaborate notes taken on the matter.

THE CANDIDATE SAVED

Poughkeepsie, N. Y., Oct. 2, 1895.—William W. Smith, the candidate for Secretary of State on the Prohibition ticket, lives in this city. Last week a temperance paper here called the Searchlight issued an illustrated edition for the purpose of boosting Mr. Smith's campaign. At the head of one of the columns was a notice of the "W. W. Smith Campaign club." When the edition had all been printed it was found, to the exasperation of all concerned, that the words in big letters—the biggest in the office—were "W. W. Smith's Campaign club." The whole edition was consigned to the flames, and the good temperance people waited a day later for their Searchlight.

"DAD" CLARK'S MIGHTY ARM

The New York National League club, more properly known as the Giants, played horse with the Victors at Avon Park, yesterday afternoon, in the presence of the largest crowd of the season. The pitching honors were far from even. "Dad" Clark had the home batters at his mercy. He had plenty of speed and he utilized his curves and change of pace to good advantage.

Foster, whose form varies like that of a racehorse, attempted to bowl down the pitcher's alley for the Victors. He was as wild as a March hare, and about as effective as a Sioux Indian. He was given a dose of base hits which set the teeth of the spectators on edge. His support was far from glided, even Lush and O'Rourke, making costly errors. Clarke let up in the final innings, which accounts for the Victors' seven runs. The score was 15 to 7 in favor of New York.

A BRIDGEPORTER'S WEDDING

A large number of Bridgeporters went to Derby this morning to witness a wedding of local interest. St. Mary's Catholic church, Derby, which is one of the most beautiful in the Naugatuck valley, has never been the scene of a more beautiful wedding than that solemnized there this morning at 9:30 when Maurice S. King, of this city, was married to Miss Sadie E. daughter of Mr. William McGarrath, of Shelton.

Rev. Thomas J. Finn performed the ceremony with the celebration of a nuptial mass. A special program of music was furnished with Prof. A. T. Brisebois at the organ. The bridesmaid was Miss Josephine Moran and Michael King, of Ansonia, acted as best man. The couple left this city for honeymoon trip which will embrace such picturesque spots as the Berkshire Hills, the Catskills and Shenandoah valley. Upon their return they will reside at East Washington avenue and Main street, this city.

Collins School of Dancing Will Be In Masonic Temple

A beautiful new home for the Collins School of Dancing has been acquired by C. J. Collins, the dancing instructor and the fall and winter season will open shortly. Mr. Collins instead of being in the Masonic Temple this year will be in his own private ball room, located in the Davis & Savard building on Bridgeport's busiest corner, Main street and Fairfield avenue. The Collins school will occupy the entire second floor above the store and provides 4,000 square feet of space which will be entirely devoted to the ballroom, reception and rest rooms of the dancing school. The carpenters and decorators are busy on the hall getting it into shape for the opening of the school which takes place Monday evening, October 18, when the general class will begin to be followed on Thursday evening, October 21, by the married couples' class and Friday afternoon from 5 to 7 o'clock by the high school class. All classes are private and are now forming. Any information concerning enrollment in these classes will be gladly given if Mr. Collins is addressed at 57 Washington Terrace or by telephoning 2848 or 2558.—Adv.

WALLENTA WANTS TO OBTAIN SEPARATION

Arthur Wallenta of this city has brought a divorce suit against Minnie Wallenta of Hartford on the ground of desertion August 7, 1912. The couple were married October 17, 1905. Mrs. Wallenta's maiden name was Minnie French. The suit is returnable to the superior court, October term.

James Keegan, aged 60, 370 Lafayette street, is suffering from blood poisoning, resulting from an injury received Monday afternoon when a boulder rolled on his left ankle, in a trench in Brooklawn avenue.

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BIG VEHICLES IN COLLISION BLOCK BRIDGE TRAFFIC

Oil Tank and Furniture Van Crash on Washington Bridge.

A disastrous wreck on Washington bridge, blocking traffic for hours occurred Friday afternoon when the big yellow motor-driven gasoline truck of the Gulf Refining Co. and a heavily laden truck of Chris Rickard crashed head-on at the Millford end of the bridge.

According to all accounts the Rickard company's truck proceeding towards Bridgeport got beyond control of the driver while coming down the incline at Riverdell Park. It had just entered the narrow approach to the bridge when it met a motor-truck load of furniture being carried by one of the largest Rickard automobiles. The impact was so great that drivers of both cars and two other helpers on the Rickard truck were thrown bodily to the opposing truck. The Gulf Refining driver fell on the top of the furniture van while one man on the Rickard truck was thrown to the roadway over the gasoline tank. Two others jumped or were thrown sideways from the furniture van. None needed medical attendance.

The heavy steel tank-wagon forced its motor directly under the engine and hood of the Rickard truck, both vehicles becoming wedged tightly into the bridge. Owing to the fumes of gasoline which escaped from the tank and the danger of explosion all trolley cars were topped at a distance and passengers were required to climb and crawl through the mass of wreckage. No automobiles or other vehicles passed over the bridge for some hours while wrecking crews of the Connecticut Company and the Rickard Company aided in removing the debris.

NORTH END CHILDREN ENJOY MASQUERADE AT THE McPHERSON HOME

Louise and Claudette McPherson, children of Mr. and Mrs. Andrew McPherson of 138 Terry place, entertained their little friends at a masquerade party at their parents' home Thursday evening. There was a merry throng of youngsters in various attire.

Louise was dressed as a Red Cross nurse, while her brother, attired as a Chinese, greeted his visitors in oriental style.

The guests included Catherine Bibb, Coral Simpson, Lorene Fitzgerald, Edna Clark, Bertha Hall, Clarence Albion, Joseph Schultz, Walter O'Brien, Chester Pike, Herbert Houston, Wallace Houston and Herbert Kinney.

JUNE BRIDE KEEPS HER SECRET WELL

Announcing that since June 19, 1915, she had been Mrs. Charles Blydenburg, Miss Olive Smart, daughter of Mrs. Kate Smart of 128 Clinton avenue, greatly surprised her fellow employees at the George C. Bacheller & Co. yesterday. The young lady then gave up her employment but not until her numerous friends at the factory where she was exceptionally popular, had sufficiently recovered from their surprise to shower her with the best wishes. In June Miss Smart slipped away with Mr. Blydenburg, who is the son of Mrs. Julia Blydenburg of 89 Bunnell street, and they were quietly married in Fort Chester, N. Y., by the Rev. W. H. Burquin of that town. Only the bride's mother knew of their intentions and she has helped them keep their secret until now. The groom is employed at the Gilman Street Garage. The bride and her mother are well known residents of this city, having for many years, until recently, resided in State street.

DAY OPPOSES CHANGE IN BUILDING CODE SOUGHT BY DAWE

Attorney David S. Day, representing the Good Housing association, appeared Thursday before the ordinance committee of the common council and opposed the proposed amendment of the building code to permit the building of a brick under story and raising of a wooden building for business purposes. Samuel Dawe, former police commissioner, has such a building in East Main street, which he wishes to remodel. He said to turn it into a store without raising it would increase the fire risk. Joseph J. Mullins appeared in favor of the amendment.

Attorney Day argued that the building code ought not to be amended to fit individual cases. Thomas Arnold and Marcus Hirsch opposed the amendment on the ground that the alteration which Mr. Dawe contemplated would cheapen property in the vicinity.

Dominic Lesco, 27 Hallett street, was removed in an ambulance from the White M. Co. Canning Co., Cannon street, to the Bridgeport hospital, today suffering from acute indigestion.

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Friends of Secretary of Eagles Meet to Advocate His Candidacy.

A number of Democrats of the Sixth district Thursday night endorsed as their candidate for Alderman, Thomas W. McNamara of Worth street. The latter is widely known. He is secretary of the local aerie of the Fraternal Order of Eagles and a member of the Knights of Columbus. Alderman John H. Casey is desirous of a renomination and his friends wish to return him to the council as one of the representatives from the district. Both men have many loyal friends and both are well qualified for the position.

Bridgeport Will Have Own "400"

The young persons of the First Presbyterian church are organizing a "four hundred," which, unlike its New York neighbor, is to be inclusive rather than exclusive. Instead of using the usual name for the first big rally of the Sunday school, they have determined to call the group at the Sunday school hour tomorrow, the "400" and every class is working to have a full group in the hope that there may be at least four hundred in attendance. A number of new scholars have been promised for the day, as the Bible study for the autumn term begins at this time.

Boys and girls as well as men and women who are not connected with any school in the city are invited to link up with this successful institution. Among the many new courses offered is one for men under the direction of the pastor, which promises to attract a large group of those who would like to enter an organized men's bible class.

Both the morning and evening services will emphasize the place of the bible in life. The church is at the corner of State street and Myrtle avenue.

The college freshmen hope some day to know as much as the professors, but to know as much as the sophomores seems beyond the realms of possibility.

The crooks are straggling back from the county fairs, probably feeling that the business of picking the pockets of the up to date farmer is a gold brick.



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